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SUBJ: IRANIAN PETROLEUM STATISTICS

1. NIOC, AS OF MARCH 21, 1978, WILL COLLECT AND PUBLISH ITS STATISTICS (FINANCIAL, PRODUCTION, EXPORTS, ETC.) ON THE BASIS OF THE IRANIAN CALENDAR. AS PART OF THE TRANSITION, DATA FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1-20 HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE. FOR THOSE WASHINGTON ENDUSERS WHO NEED DATA ON A GREGORIAN CALENDAR BASIS, WE SUGGEST THAT THEY MAKE THEIR OWN ESTIMATES BY USING A WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF THE TWO REPORTING PERIODS (I.E. IRANIAN MONTHS) INCLUDED IN EACH GREGORIAN MONTH.

2. FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1-20, IRAN PRODUCED 5,604.4 MBPD OF CRUDE OIL. OSCO PRODUCED 4,996.5 MBPD WHILE UNCLASSIFIED

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THE REMAINING 607.9 MBPD WAS ACCOUNTED FOR BY THE FOUR JOINT VENTURES AND NIOC. TOTAL CRUDE AND PRODUCT EXPORTS DURING MARCH 1-20 WERE 4,750.4 MBPD. NIOC EXPORTED 1,204.1 MBPD OF CRUDE AND 69.6 MBPD OF REFINED PRODUCTS; WHILE THE CONSORTIUM TRADING COMPANIES EXPORTED 2,959.2 MBPD OF CRUDE; AND THE JOINT VENTURES EXPORTED 587.0 MBPD OF CRUDE.

3. DURING FARVARDIN (MARCH 21-APRIL 20) IRAN PRODUCED 5,544.8 MBPD OF CRUDE. OSCO PRODUCED 4,879.8 MBPD WHILE THE REMAINING 665.0 MBPD WAS ACCOUNTED FOR BY THE JOINT VENTURES AND NIOC. TOTAL CRUDE AND PRODUCT EXPORTS DURING FARVARDIN WERE 4,662.1 MBPD. NIOC EXPORTED 1,198.7 MBPD OF CRUDE AND 165 MBPD OF REFINED PRODUCTS; WHILE THE CONSORTIUM TRADING COMPANIES EXPORTED 2,735.3 MBPD OF CRUDE; AND THE JOINT VENTURE EXPORTED THE REMAINING 563.1 MBPD OF CRUDE.

4. AVERAGE PRODUCTION OF CRUDE DURING THE PERIOD JAN 1-APRIL 20 WAS 5,492.5 MBPD, WHICH WAS 3.6 PERCENT LOWER THAN THE 1977 AVERAGE AND 4.1 PERCENT LOWER THAN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1977.

5. EXPORTS OF CRUDE AND REFINED PRODUCTS DURING THE PERIOD JAN 1-APRIL 20 WERE 4,779.4 MBPD (4,635.8 MBPD OF CRUDE AND 143.6 MBPD OF PRODUCT) WHICH WERE 6.5 PERCENT LOWER THAN THE 1977 AVERAGE AND 6.8 PERCENT LOWER THAN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1977.

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